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Redevelopment Board Minutes 03-25-2002

Minutes of March 25, 2002

Members Present: Roland Chaput
Ed Tsoi
Barry Faulkner
John FitzMaurice
Nora Mann

8:00 p.m. -- The Redevelopment Board convened on the second floor annex of the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to conduct a public hearing on the provisions of Chapter 121B Section 47 on the proposed acquisition of the Symmes Hospital property. Mr. McClennen read the legal notice which had been posted in The Arlington Advocate on February 28.

The Chairman opened the hearing. There was no one present to comment for or against the proposed acquisition by the Arlington Redevelopment Board. Motion: Moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Mr. FitzMaurice, that the public hearing be closed; unanimous vote in favor. Motion: Moved by Mr. FitzMaurice, seconded by Mr. Tsoi, that the acquisition of the Symmes property proceed under the provisions of Chapter 121B Section 47; unanimous vote in favor.

8:10 p.m. -- Nora Mann arrived at the meeting. The Board met with representatives of the Symmes Advisory Committee to review the draft RFP for consultant services for Symmes Hospital. David Walkinshaw, Charlie Foskett, and Brian Rehrig, members of the Symmes Advisory Committee were present. The Board and the committee discussed the draft RFP prepared by Mr. McClennen. Following extensive discussion, there was mutual agreement that the RFP would be worked on over the next several days to sort out the specific issues.

9:50 p.m. -- Director's Report:

1. Reed's Brook status report: Mr. McClennen briefed the Board on the status of the construction at Reed's Brook.
2. Discussion of Warrant Articles: The Board reviewed warrant articles for submission in its report to Town Meeting.
3. Discussion with Department of Housing and Community Development relating to Symmes Hospital: Mr. McClennen briefed the Board on the status of discussion of the approval of the Urban Renewal Plan by the Department of Housing & Community Development.
4. Status Report on 30 Water Street: Mr. McClennen provided the Board with an update on the status of the proposed condominium development at 30 Water Street.
5. Proposed house move from Brattle Street to Franklin Street: Mr. McClennen informed the Board that the opportunity of moving one of the historic houses from Brattle Street to Franklin Street had passed, and the property would be demolished shortly.

Mr. McClennen informed the Board that he had received correspondence from Caroline Kenney thanking the Board and the Town for their efforts in making her business successful.

10:00 p.m. -- Other business. Minutes to be approved. Moved by Mrs. Mann, seconded by Mr. Tsoi, that the minutes of January 28, February 11, February 25 be approved; unanimous vote in favor.

11:07 p.m. -- Adjournment. Moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Mr. FitzMaurice, to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan McClennen, Jr.